



MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2023, 4:30 PM

Waterville Village Offices, 122 Barton Ave., Waterville

Present

Chairperson Jon Scott (T. of Kirkland)
Jamie Bechy (V. of Waterville)
Larry Stern (V. of Waterville)
Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)
Bill Fredericks (T. of Sangerfield)
Phil Olin (T. of Sangerfield)
Alan Cole (Kirkland CSC)
Jake Voelker (NYSDOT)

Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)
John Salka (Congressman Williams)
Thomas Mott (Sangerfield Citizen)
Paul Frey (Clinton Citizen)
Bob Jarret (Kirkland Citizen)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)
Jeff Rehler (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Jon Scott. The May 18, 2023 meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Chris B. and a second by Jamie B. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

Nominations for Chairperson

Jamie B. nominated Jon Scott. The motion was seconded by Chris B. and passed unanimously.

Project Updates

Sherman Brook Study:

An interim final report on Sherman Brook was prepared by Ramboll after the 2nd public hearing distributed for agency comments and in review by the Town of Kirkland. NYS DEC, DOT and Oneida County will also review and provide comments and a final presentation will follow. Alyssa F. mentioned that prioritizing alternatives is the next step. This will involve evaluating which projects are both feasible and have potential for strong impacts.

Buffer in a Bag Grant:

Village of Clinton received funding to add seedling trees near the location of repairs at the damaged water main behind the highway garage. These were planted and being check on by the Village. To satisfy the grant requirements, the village will need to document the results by taking pictures.

Treasurer's Report

There are seven Member municipalities with signed resolutions: Village of Waterville, Village of Oriskany, Village of Clinton, Town of Kirkland, Town of Westmoreland, Town of Whitestown, Town of Sangerfield. The Town of Marshall will become the eighth upon receipt of their signed resolution. The balance in the Commission's bank account is \$14,133.27.

Member Reports

Village of Oriskany – Chris B. discussed a key initiative to redevelop the Waterbury Felt Mill and shared that the Village had received a BOA grant with the assistance of MV EDGE and hopes to further leverage this funding. The Village is in the process of making park improvements including adding an ADA accessible fishing pier. NYSDOT recently removed logs from the Route 69 bridge which were downed as a result of two recent storms.

Sangerfield – A question was raised about a municipal dam that was damaged in the Halloween 2019 storms. The Village of Waterville owns the dam and there is a FEMA claim in for recovery.

Waterville – Jamie B. responded to Sangerfield’s inquiry about the dam: The Village has provided \$70k in additional engineering and has been approved by FEMA for \$880k to repair the dam to pre-disaster conditions. \$4.2M would be required to bring the dam to code. The dam has been non-operational for 2 years and the goal is to eventually decommission it. The FEMA process has been slow.

NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)

Kristin C. shared that the CFA includes a NYS DEC WQIP grant called the Water Quality Improvement Program. MS4 communities may be eligible to apply for a vacuum truck, but they would need a certified driver and the quantity of trucks available will likely be limited. There are opportunities for culvert replacements, particularly in the context of rightsizing to stabilize banks and improve water quality.

NYS Bond Act

Kristin C. discussed this \$4.2B NYS funding opportunity. NYS is asking for info on interest in potential projects as they design the application. The program could help fill in gaps from the CFA and there will likely be funds for bridge adaptation and property acquisition.

Stormwater Coalition

Kristin C. mentioned a potential educational partnership opportunity with Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNYRPDB) in Onondaga County. The regional planning agency has assisted the stormwater coalition there for many years and willing to support the potential coalition in this region. There may be opportunity for MS4 communities to report together (higher coalition fees) following a model from Onondaga County or continue to report separately, but partner on projects (lower coalition fees).

Next Meeting

The next meeting date is July 20, 2023, at the Westmoreland Town Offices at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.